

embroidery on each of a frontal portion, and at least one of a right and a left temporal portion, of the annular portion, the headgear holder comprising:

a main frame member on which the headgear is set such that the sweatband unfolded outside and the annular portion of the covering member externally fit on said main frame member;

a pressing member which externally presses the headgear set on said main frame member; and

two fastening devices one of which is provided between said main frame member and a corresponding one of opposite ends of said pressing member and the other of which is provided between the main frame member and the other end of the pressing member, said two fastening devices cooperating with each other to fasten the pressing member to the main frame member to hold the headgear between the pressing member and the main frame member, each of said fastening devices being provided at a position where said each fastening device permits the sweatband unfolded outside to fit externally on the main frame member,

wherein said each fastening device includes a support member, and
wherein a space is provided between said support member and an outer surface of the main frame member, the sweatband unfolded outside being inserted into said space and thereby externally fit on the main frame member.

4. (Amended) A headgear holder according to claim 3, wherein said [~~each fastening device comprises a~~]support member which supports one of said manually operable member and said engageable member which is supported by said main frame member[, and wherein a space is provided between said support member and an outer surface of the main frame member, the sweatband unfolded outside being inserted into said space and thereby externally fit on the main frame member].

6. (Twice Amended) A headgear holder for use with a sewing machine, the headgear holder holding a headgear including a covering member which has an opening and covers the head of a person through the opening, and a sweatband which is fixed at a portion thereof to an inner surface of an annular portion of the covering member located on the side of the opening, the sweatband being foldable into an inner space of the covering member and unfoldable outside from the inner space through the opening, the sewing machine forming an embroidery on a sewing portion of the covering member which corresponds to the sweatband folded inside, the headgear holder comprising:

a main frame member on which the headgear is set such that at least a portion of the sweatband which corresponds to the sewing portion of the covering member is unfolded outside and such that the annular portion of the covering member and the outside unfolded portion of the sweatband externally fit on said main frame member;

a pressing member which presses the outside unfolded portion of the sweatband on said main frame member;

a switching device which is operable for placing said pressing member in a first state in which the pressing member presses the outside unfolded portion of the sweatband on said main frame member and in a second state in which the pressing member does not press the outside unfolded portion of the sweatband on the main frame member; and

two fastening devices one of which is provided between said main frame member and a corresponding one of opposite ends of said pressing member and the other of which is provided between the main frame member and the other end of the pressing member, said two fastening devices cooperating with each other to fasten the pressing member to the main frame member to hold the headgear between the pressing member and the main frame member, each of said fastening devices being provided at a position where said each fastening device permits the sweatband unfolded outside to fit externally on the main frame member,

wherein said each fastening device includes a support member, and
wherein a space is provided between said support member and an outer surface
of the main frame member, the sweatband unfolded outside being inserted into said space and
thereby externally fit on the main frame member.

14. (Amended) A headgear holder for use with a sewing machine, the headgear holder holding a headgear including a covering member which has an opening and covers the head of a person through the opening, the covering member including an annular portion located on the side of the opening, the sewing machine forming an embroidery on the annular portion of the covering member, the headgear holder comprising:

a main frame member on which the headgear is set such that the annular portion of the covering member externally fits on said main frame member;

a pressing member which externally presses the headgear set on said main frame member; and

two fastening devices which fasten opposite end portions of said pressing member to said main frame member, respectively, to press the pressing member against the main frame member and thereby hold the headgear between the pressing member and the main frame member, said opposite end portions of the pressing member being unfastenable from the main frame member by said two fastening devices, respectively,

wherein said each fastening device includes a support member, and
wherein a space is provided between said support member and an outer surface
of the main frame member, the sweatband unfolded outside being inserted into said space and
thereby externally fit on the main frame member.

22. (Amended) A headgear holder for use with a sewing machine, the headgear holder holding a headgear including a covering member which has an opening and covers the head of a person through the opening, and a sweatband which is fixed at a portion thereof to

an inner surface of an annular portion of the covering member located on the side of the opening, the sweatband being foldable into an inner space of the covering member and unfoldable outside from the inner space through the opening, the sewing machine forming an embroidery on each of a frontal portion, and at least one of a right and a left temporal portion, of the annular portion, the headgear holder comprising:

a main frame member on which the headgear is set such that the sweatband unfolded outside and the annular portion of the covering member externally fit on said main frame member, the main frame member having a generally cylindrical shape and including an outer circumferential surface whose center angle is not smaller than 220 degrees;

a pressing member which externally presses the headgear set on said main frame member such that said pressing member presses the headgear against a cooperative portion of said outer circumferential surface of the main frame member, said cooperative portion having a center angle not smaller than 200 degrees, the pressing member having a shape which permits the sewing machine to form said embroidery on said each of the frontal portion, and the at least one of the right and left temporal portions, of the annular portion of the headgear; and

a switching device which is operable for placing said pressing member in a first state in which the pressing member presses the headgear on said main frame member and in a second state in which the pressing member does not press the headgear on the main frame member,

wherein said pressing member includes a support member, and
wherein a space is provided between said support member and an outer surface of the main frame member, the sweatband unfolded outside being inserted into said space and thereby externally fit on the main frame member.